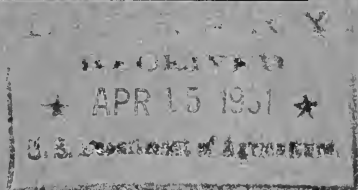


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# **1931   IRISES**

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My list this year retains only the best of the many modern irises that have been introduced within the past five years and some of the fine old varieties of previous introduction, that still retain favor in the gardens of discriminate iris lovers.

I am cataloguing this year for the first time two new Irises of great merit; one from Professor John E. Hill, a red violet self that was given H. M. last June, and is one of the finest irises of its color I have seen. He has named this lovely iris "Aboro."

The other is Mr. Lapham's "M. A. PORTER" another dark purple, even a darker tone than Gaudichau of which it is a seedling. A visitor to my gardens last June said "I think this iris is as OUTSTANDING as is Sir Michael." They were planted side by side.

Visitors to my Gardens will find many new varieties this year, all of them interesting, but not all of them will find a place in my 1932 Catalog. There are too many varieties being introduced these days, for the reason that there are so many breeders engaged in the pastime of hybridizing this beautiful flower, and so many of them not conversant with the newer things, that it is hard to know just what to buy, and what to recommend, and so I find it is better to wait until a variety has bloomed in my own garden before I catalog it. I hope to have in bloom this June some of the famous new irises of recent favorable comment; Pink Satin, Eloise Lapham, two very fine pinks, Fragonard and Indian Chief and Mount Royal which did not bloom for me last year. Hypnos from Mr. Connell, Lochinvar, a lovely blue I saw in Mrs. Kellogg's garden last June, Morrison's "Oread," Piper's "Purple Glory," Printemps and Prairie King from Mrs. Nesmith, Serenade, (Hall), Van Cleve, (Van Name) and "Wambliska," the sensational new big white iris from Mr. Jacob Sass.

I will have a few hundred seedling irises bloom for the first time this year, which should include a few from crosses of various fine yellows with "Wm. R. Dykes."

The best blue-purple iris in my garden last year was "EUPHEMIA." Almost identical with Pioneer, it is a little smaller flower but three times as free a bloomer, and does not wilt under the hottest sun. I had one bed of 12 plants in bloom last year that was a feast for the eye. And, if you like yellow irises, don't fail to order a plant of CORONATION. It can't be beat or even approached for the price.

Everyone has their favorites. Here are some of mine that I can heartily recommend in every way. Blue Velvet, Bruno, Dalila, Churchmouse, Citronella, Cygnet, Conchobar, Dolly Madison, E. C. Shaw, Frieda Mohr, Gabriel, Germaine Peerthuis, Grace Sturtevant, Geo. J. Tribolet, Jacqueline Guillot, Labor, Lady Byng, Melchior, Los Angeles, Mdigard, Mildred Presby, Morning Splendor, Mrs. Valerie West, Nusku, Peerless, Prosper Laugier, Proteus, Ramona, Rhingaupele, Gabriel, Sensation, Souv. de Loetitia Michaud, Gaudichau, Titan, True Charm, Trostringer, Veloute, Vesper Gold, Yolande, Wm. R. Dykes, Zulu, Ann Page, Aphrodite, Asia, Ambassadeur, White and Gold, Alabaster, Amarind.

**RATING**—The numbers preceding the name of a variety are the ratings of the American Iris Society Symposium of 1928. First number Exhibition; Second number Garden score. Following the name, in parenthesis, is the name of the Originator, and the year introduced. Those varieties that are not scored have not as yet been voted on. Abbreviations of originators as follows,—Andr.; Andrews; Burch., Burchfield; Cay., Cayeux; Den., Dennis; G. & K., Goos & Koenemann; Ken., Kenicott; Koeh., Koehler; Mill., Millet; Mor., Morrison; Nes., Nesmith; Pres., Presby; Sturt., Sturtevant; Verd., Verdier; Wal., Wallace; Will., Williamson; Vil., Vilmorin.

### **Read Carefully Before Sending In Your Order.**

My STOCK of some varieties is not large, so early orders may be advisable. Send in your order early with 25% of the amount, and balance at time of shipment, and I will hold them for you. All orders must be accompanied with cash, but if to be sent C.O.D. remit 25% when ordering.

S. refers to the 3 upright petals (Standards). F. the three drooping petals (Falls).

**SUBSTITUTES**—If any varieties you have ordered are sold out, something as good or better will be substituted if you request. Otherwise, your money will be returned. **Postage** on all orders will be prepaid, and if order amounts to \$5.00 or more it will be sent insured at my expense. **ORDERS** under \$2.00 not accepted. A **DISCOUNT** of 10% will be allowed on orders amounting to \$25.00 or more, and 15% on orders amounting to \$50.00 or more.

**THE COLOR DESCRIPTIONS** of most of the varieties in this list are in accordance with the Ridway Color Standards and Nomenclature.

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SUNNYSIDE GARDENS,

L. Merton Gage,

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## THREE VERY FINE INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1931

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**M. A. PORTER** (Lapham) (Gage 1931) Ambassadeur X Gaudichau. Fine, large, very rich and beautiful. Standards close to Gaudinchau; arched and strong; darker violet in color. Falls much darker than Gaudinchau; very velvety and glossy, very heavy substance. Rich orange beard. Only slightly reticulated. Does not fade, and is a heavy (and potent) pollen bearer, and a good seed bearer. 6 to 7 blooms on three branches. Ambassadeur shape and type of plant. .... **\$25.00**

**ABORA** (Prof. John E. Hill) (Gage-Kellogg 1931) Standards Pleroma Violet; Falls Pansy Violet to Mulberry Purple; a large flower of dark red effect. Mrs. Hires describes it as a rich red-violet self, with heavy texture, of great smoothness; the falls quite horizontal, 36 in., H. M. June '30. .... **\$25.00**

**LOCHINVAR** (Sass) (Kellogg-Gage 1931) I saw this Iris growing in the garden of Mrs. Kellogg, "OVER THE GARDEN WALL" at West Hartford last June, and was impressed by its richness of color. It is a very large, tall inky-blue, not velvety. The stem is finely branched, about 3 ft. tall. Very fast growing, and far superior to many of the older named varieties ..... **\$1.00**



## GENERAL LIST

### TALL BEARDED IRISES

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**ALABASTER** (Andr. 1926) A new snow white of fine form, wonderful texture with slightly suffled edges. Beard nearly white, shading to yellow. 36 in. Each .... **\$1.50**

**AMARIND** (Andr. 1926) Metallic bronze in nearly a self color. Low branched, nearly 4 ft. tall with ten to twelve large flowers of excellent substance. Long blooming period. Each ..... **\$1.00**

**92-91 AMBASSADEUR** (Vilm. 1920) S. smoky reddish-violet. F. very brilliant deep red-violet; rich orange beard. One of the grandest irises in the world. 40 in. Each **\$ .50**

**88-88 AMBER** (Dykes 1924) 36 inches. Many Iris authorities consider this the finest yellow Iris introduced to date. Given an Award



of Merit by the Royal Horticultural Society of England. Each ..... \$1.00

**86-85 \*ANN PAGE** (Hort 1919) Uniform pale blue self, deliciously scented F. heavily penciled brown at haft. Extra fine. 3½ ft. Each ..... \$1.00

**81-88 APHRODITE** (Dykes 1922) A large bright cattelya rose self without markings of any kind, that for purity of tone, brightness of color and perfection of form has no equal. Vigorous, stems tough and well-branched, fine substance. 4 ft. Each ..... \$1.00

**92-88 ASIA** (Yeld 1920) S. pale silvery lavender deepening at base to golden yellow. F. flaring, pale red-purple, lighter toward margin. Massive flower of pleasing shape and unsurpassed in form and beauty. 52 in. Each .. \$1.00

**76-83 ATHENE** (Sturt. 1920) A vigorous growing warm white of fine form and substance. Very free flowering. 36 in. Each .... \$ .50

**74-77 AUTUMN KING** (Sass. 1924) A blue purple bicolor of fine shape, size and height that in the South blooms in the fall. 3 ft. Each ..... \$ .50

**BALDWIN** (H. Sass. 1926) A manganese violet self of large size, on 40 inch stems. Each ..... \$5.00

**90-89 BALLERINE** (Vilm. 1920) S. light bluish violet with rounded wavy edges. F. deeper blue. Very fragrant. Large flowers on tall widely branched stems. A really worth while iris. 4 ft. Each ..... \$ .50

**BETTY BALES** (Bales) S. pale bronzy yellow suffused with light lavender. F. pale pinkish mauve, lighter at edges. 32 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**BELLE PORTER** (Lapham 1929) The standards, livid brown slightly suffused with violet. F. violet carmine edged lighter with a lighter medial line. Hard to describe, but might be termed a blending of old rose and red. The coloring is quite striking and distinctive. Growth rampant. 30 in. Each \$1.00

**74-77 BLUET** (Sturt. 1918) A charming flower of medium size, but of a pleasing light blue color tone that is beautiful in mass effect. 2 ft. Each ..... \$ .25

**BONNIE BLUE** (Sturt. 1928) For a beautiful blue-toned mass you could not find a better iris. Jaunty, of fine form and substance, vigorous and floriferous. 3 ft. Each .. \$2.00

**BLUE VELVET** (Loomis 1929) A clear velvety very dark blue. Without doubt the finest dark blue iris yet offered. Award of Merit, Royal Horticultural Society 1929. Stock is very scarce. Each ..... **\$35.00**

**91-90 BRUNO** (Bliss 1922) S. fawn, tinted rose, shading to yellow at the base. F. deep, rich, velvety red-purple of exceptional size and great substance. Very distinct, scented. Wonderful in bright sunshine. This variety is being used for hybridizing more than any other iris in the world. 36 in. Each **\$2.00**

**BUTO** (H. Sass. 1927) A very rich large, velvety deep royal purple flower of perfect form and fine satiny texture; Almost as dark as Louis Bel, but much larger. 30 in. Each ..... **\$5.00**

**CAMILLA DUBUAR** (Lapham 1929) Phlox pink to pale phlox pink. "This iris gives a much truer impression of real pink than any I know, and is really very delicate and beautiful, yet holds up well. It is also of vigorous growth and quite distinctive in its appearance as a plant. Its stems are well branched, start well down, about even with the drooping foliage; four branches, many blooms up to 12 to a stem. Each ... **\$5.00**

**96-91 CANDLELIGHT** (Andr. 1926) Large flowers of pale pinkish lavender illuminated from within with a rich golden glow; a very love-iris. 45 in. Each ..... **\$2.00**

**92-90 CARDINAL** (Bliss 1919) Dominion Seedling. One of the richest flowers of the Dominion race. S. Distinct shade of lavender, overlaid with rose, erect and arching inward at the top. F. rich raisin-purple, very broad and rounded, and of wonderful texture. 40 in. August delivery. Each ..... **\$4.00**

**84-83 \*CAROLINE E. STRINGER** (J. Sass. 1926) A large flower of delicate pink and white effect. The nearest to real pink of any iris we have yet seen. The ground is white overlaid with pale rose purple. Very fine. 33 in. Each ..... **\$ .75**

**84-82 \*CHALICE** (Sturt. 1924) Bright soft yellow self. 33 in. Each ..... **\$ .35**

**CHURCHMOUSE** (H. P. Sass. 1929) An almost self Hay's Brown. A wonderful new color in irises; medium large flower on 36 in. branching stem. Each ..... **\$3.00**

**CINNABAR** (Will. 1928) S. Violet-purple shading to copper at claw. F. flaring, Catinga Purple, center and crests Pale Ampara Purple. General effect of flower, in mass, rich dark red of one tone, tho it is a bicolor due to the heavy velvet falls. 42 in. Each **\$5.00**

**85-85 CITRONELLA** (Bliss 1922) S. bright golden yellow, deepening at the base. F. rich golden brown, heavily lined carmine. A flower of wonderful form and habits of growth. 3 ft. Each ..... \$1.00

**88-85 CONCHOBAR** (Bliss 1921) A rich purple with reddish tinge. On the lines of Cardinal, but larger and taller. An iris of real merit and promise. 48 in. Each ..... \$2.00

**89-83 CONQUISTADOR** (Mohr. 1923) Very large bicolor. S. bluish lavender. F. deep shade of violet, very rich color. 4½ ft. Each \$ .75

**COPPERSMITH** (Shull 1926) Large flower of Ambassadeur type. S. purple drab to cinnamon drab. F. rich dahlia carmine blended lighter at the center. 40 in. Each .. \$3.00

**CORONATION** (Moore 1927) Here is a deep rich golden yellow iris nearly 4 feet tall on well branched stems. It does not fade or flop in the hot sun. The flowers are the largest of any yellow iris I have seen with the exception of W. D. Dykes. It sometimes has a few insignificant brown spots at the base of the falls, but these are not noticeable three feet away from the flower. If you like yellow irises don't fail to order this one. Each \$5.00

**82-83 CYGNET** (Sturt. 1922) Ivory white with flaring falls. A distinct plicata, remarkable for its form and beauty. 48 in. Each \$1.00

**76-79 DALILA** (Denis 1914) A distinct and striking variety with creamy yellow standards and plum-red falls; a good grower and very free flowering. 2½ ft. Each ....\$ .35

**DAUNTLESS** (Connell 1929) This is the sensational red iris that was awarded the Dykes Medal by the American Iris Society in 1929. It is a self color with velvety falls, very large flowers well poised on a 3ft. stem. August delivery. Each ..... \$20.00

**93-91 DOLLY MADISON** (Will. 1927) S. gracefully arching, cupped, mauvette shading to yellow at base. F. lilac flushed with blue, flaring. Described as a glorified Quaker Lady enriched by stronger tints of blue and gold and a much larger flower. Strong and well branched. 36 in. Each ..... \$6.00

**DOROTHY DIETZ** (Will. 1929) S. Opening a light chicory blue, fading to white. F. pansy violet, paler at margin. "A large and unexcelled amoena, distinct and refined." Each \$7.50

**DR. C. H. MAYO** (Fryer) new. Some pronounce this as Mr. Fryer's best introduction. I would call it nearer pink than Dream or Susan Bliss. S. light purple. F. phlox-purple. Very fragrant. 3 ft. Each ..... \$1.00

**DUCHESS SARAH** (Yeld 1924) "This glorious iris has a brilliancy of coloring which makes it quite outstanding among the paler bi-color blues, and it has been greatly admired by all who have seen it. This surpasses all of the earlier bi-color blues of which Neptune, Halo and Lord of June are fine examples." The blooms are very large and of great substance. Well branched. 3 to 3½ ft. Each ..... **\$3.00**

**DUKE OF BEDFORD, 89** (Bliss 1922) A magnificent iris of the Dominion race, almost a self of rich deep violet purple, velvety and brilliant. 40 in. Each ..... **\$3.00**

**DUKE OF YORK** (Perry 1923) As near a real blue as there is—clear and exquisite in coloring; very large blooms, well carried; and strong increase. Should be more widely grown Each ..... **\$ .75**

**77-81 \*E. C. SHAW** (Fryer 1919) S. light claret. F. claret, veined and shaded black. Sweetly scented. 26 in. Each ..... **\$ .40**

**ELIZABETH EGELBERG** (Eggelberg 1929) This iris has size, height, branching and poise. The garden effect is a lovely tone of rose amethyst of fine carrying quality. Heavy orange beard on light ground in the throat. Very free flowering, vigorous and hardy. Awarded an H. M. in 1929. August delivery. Over 4 ft. Each ..... **\$10.00**

**ENDYMION** (Sturt.) A blend of buff and lilac. Delicate and beautiful. 3 ft. Each **\$3.00**

**83-86 \*ESPLENDIDO** (Mohr 1924) A very large flower, rich red-purple bi-color of good form. Tall and beautifully branched. 40 in. Each ..... **\$ .75**

**ETHEREAL CHARM** (Rounds 1926) A silvery gold tinted light blue that does not fade. Fine form and substance. 32 in. Each ..... **\$ .50**

**EUPHEMIA** (Lapham 1929) Standards cottinga purple. Falls prune purple to blackish purple. Similar to but taller and much superior to Archeveque. Free flowering, a rapid grower, and stands up fine as a landscape variety. Each ..... **\$3.50**

**85-87 \*EVADNE** (Bliss 1921) A beautiful bronzed self. The color is particularly warm and glowing. The beard a conspicuous golden yellow. The flowers are of medium size, set on well branched strong stems 3½ ft. high. Extremely free flowering. Deliciously scented. Very extra. Each ..... **\$ .60**

**FISMES** (Mill. 1924) S. cream deepening to yellow at base. F. soft reddish-lavender with white and olive-brown lines at base; rich or-

ange beard. Large flower on tall well branched stems. 36 in. Each ..... **\$1.50**

**89-85 FRIEDA MOHR** (Hohr 1926) S. domed, lilac-pink. F. broad slightly flaring, lilac-rose, pale yellow beard. A very large flower of fine form and heavy substance. A wonderfully beautiful iris. 42 in. Each .... **\$3.00**

**88-87 GABRIEL** (Bliss 1923) S. very broad, well rounded and finely arched, bright clear steel blue. F. very broad and flat, hanging, light violet-blue, suffused deeper at the haft. A magnificent variety described as a greatly improved E. H. Jenkins. Vigorous, and well branched. 4 ft. high. Each ..... **\$2.50**

**\*GANDHI** (Burch. 1924) A grayish-purple bi-color blooming very late. Flowers of medium size. Each ..... **\$ .50**

**82-82 GAVIOTA** (Mohr 1924) A creamy white plicata with both standards and falls edged yellow. Good size, form, and texture. 30 in. Each ..... **\$ .50**

**90-88 \*GEORGE J. TRIBOLET** (Will. 1926) S. negrosin-violet. F. a solid and velvety blackish red-purple. The blooms are medium to large size of fine form and substance. A magnificent iris. 40 in. Each ..... **\$1.00**

**91-90 GERMAINE PERTHUIS** (Mill. 1924) Special award Paris Iris Commission 1924. S. a pleasing tone of violet-purple, lighted a brighter tone. F. deep Bishop's violet, of velvety texture. Flowers of enormous size, and fine form, and the sweetest scented of all irises. This iris created a sensation when shown at many exhibitions in 1928. 3 ft. Each ..... **\$2.00**                      3 for **\$5.00**

**GLOWING EMBERS** (Sturt. 1923) S. light brownish lavender. F. rich velvety pansy purple, enclosing a glowing center of orange beards and yellow netted hafts. Heavy rich blooms on tall stems. 42 in. Each .. **\$1.50**

**86-87 \*GOLD IMPERIAL** (Sturt. 1924) A fine chrome yellow self. Vigorous and free flowering. 33 in. Each ..... **\$1.00**

**91-87 GRACE STURTEVANT** (Bliss 1926) One of the finest of the famous Dominion Seedlings. S. dark red-brown. F. violet-carmine, so dark that the color looks black and in some lights a deep maroon. Rich velvety texture, and heavy substance. The richest colored iris in my garden. 3 ft. Each **\$8.00**

**GREY DAWN** (Bales 1925) S. blue-gray effect, and of fine arching form. Falls somewhat deeper in color, and slightly tinged with blue. Tall, branching stems hold the

beautiful large blossoms erect. An exceedingly late bloomer, prolonging the blooming season at least two weeks. 3 ft. Each \$ .75

**83-81 \*HALO** (Yeld 1917) S. soft light violet. F. slightly darker, bluish-violet. Very large flowers similar to Lord of June, but better form. 38 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**79-82 \*HARMONY** (Dykes 1923) Deep rich violet-purple self. Even the beard is purple. One of the most free flowering irises. A distinct and beautiful iris. Each ..... \$ .50

**82-83 \*HARRIET PRESBY** (Pres. 1922) Petunia violet in two tones. Somewhat the color of Aphrodite, and without markings of any kind. Very tall. A splendid iris. 42 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**72-69 \*HELEN KOEHLER** (Koehl. 1924) S. lilac-pink, Aampero purple, red-brown markings on cream base. Attracts much attention in the garden. One of my best sellers. 30 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**84-82 \*HESPERIA** (Will. 1926) A large and striking bi-color of distinct coloring. S. light drab. F. a solid blackish-red purple, flushed amber. Large flower, vigorous plant, free flowering on strong well branched stems. 36 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**HIGHLIGHT** (Nesmith 1930) Soft, clear yellow. Each ..... \$1.50

**HORIZON** (Hor. 1925) A lovely uniform light blue self. One of the loveliest irises in my garden. 40 in. Each ..... \$1.00

**83-84 \*IMPERATOR** (Cay. 1923) S. Very large clear violet. F. beautiful shade of reddish-violet, reticulated red-brown at the throat. Orange beard. Very beautiful. 40 in. Each ..... \$ .60

**IMPRESSARIO** (Mor. 1928) Growth moderate, regular, compact. S. lobelia-violet. F. livid purple to aconite violet to lobelia violet. Violet at the tips. 3 ft. to 5ft. A blended bi-color with flexuous stems. Each .. \$3.00

**77-83 \*ISIS** (Bliss 1919) China blue, tinged violet. Good sized flowers, and well formed, and is very free flowering. 38 in. Each .. \$ .50

**82-83 \*JACQUELINE GUILLOT** (Cay. 1924) A very handsome flower of unusually smooth satiny texture. A pale lavender blue self. 36 in. Each ..... \$1.00

**KLAMATH** (Kleinsorge 1929) S. hiscop violet. F. prune purple. Style branches chalcidony yellow on sides, crest purple drab.

Beard extremely yellow. Haft and claw beautifully marked with brown. Height 42 in. August delivery. Each ..... \$40.00

- 86-87 LABOR** (Cay. 1926) A new color among irises. A distinct dark violet-heliotrope self, with falls a shade deeper than the standards. About three feet tall and well branched. Very free. Distinct red effect. Each .... \$3.00

**L'AIGLON, 87** (Shull. 1924) S. livid purple to cinnamon drab. F. Schoenfeldt's purple with darker velvety reflexes. Fine large flowers. 38 in. Each ..... \$2.50

- 80-83 \*LADY BYNG** (Bliss 1922) A sister seedling of Susan Bliss, and a beautiful flower of fine form and texture. The color thru-out is a clear pale lavender with a slight suffusion of rose. A little darker than Mlle. Schwartz. Very free and increases rapidly. I have a very large stock; hence the low price. 36 in. Each ..... \$ .30

**\*LADY LILLIAN** (Burch. 1926) This is another iris with a real pink tone, the color of the Caroline Testout rose, but, in fact, a clear pinkish lavender. Very free. EXTRA Each ..... \$1.00

**LEONATO** (Hort. 1922) Massive flowers. S. pale lavender to silvery heliotrope. F. slightly darker. Early flowering, strong growing and very fragrant. A. M. England 1927. 4 ft. Each ..... \$1.00

- 86-82 LEVERRIER** (Den. 1917) S. Chinese violet. F. pansy violte. General effect light rose-red. A magnificent large spreading bloom on a four foot staff. Each ..... \$ .50

**LE CORREGE** (Vilm. 1927) Very large flowers. S. smoky bronze shot with lavender, and suffused with red, with a brilliant, prominent beard. Vigorous grower, well and widely branched; sweetly scented. 46 in. Each ..... \$5.00

- 88-78 LORD OF JUNE** (Yeld 1911) S. Chicory blue. F. lavender-violet. Very large flowers. 3 ft. Each ..... \$ .50

- 84-85 LORD LAMBOURNE** (Perry 1923) Early. Fine large flower of perfect form, rich coloring and good substance. S. soft rosy fawn. F. rich madder-crimson, golden beard. 40 in. August delivery Each ..... \$1.00

**LOS ANGELES** (Mohr-Mitchell 1927) Giant white flowers of fine shape and substance, the standards faintly edged pale blue; the light blue style adds a note of clear color in the center. A greatly glorified Fairy. 42 in. Each ..... \$10.00

- 87-85 MAGNIFICA** (Vilm. 1920) S. light violet blue on white. F. long drooping, deep reddish violet, reticulated brown. 38 in. Each \$ .75
- 79-79 MAGNIFICENT** (Fryer 1925) H.M.A.M. Soc'y. S. bright violet rose. F. very large and long. Rood's violet, approaching crimson. Conspicuous orange beard. Redder in effect than Germaine Perthuis. 38 in. Each \$1.00
- 82-81 MARSH MARIGOLD** (Bliss 1919) S. pale golden yellow. F. deep purple brown, bright yellow margin. Fine 32 in. Each . . . . \$ .35
- 88-90 MARY BARNETT** (Cumbler 1926) A glorified Princess Beatrice with a golden beard so brilliant that the reflection pervades the whole bloom. Vigorous and free flowering. Each . . . . . \$2.50
- 84-85 \*MARY GIBSON** (Perry 1922) This beautiful iris is a very distinct color. S. delicate shade of light bronze, overlaid old rose. F. old rose suffused bronze; conspicuous yellow base. Scented. Strong grower, free flowering. H. M. Royal Hort. Soc'y. 4 ft. Each . . \$ .50

**MELCHOIR** (Wal. 1927) A magnificent seedling on the lines of Mrs. Valerie West. The flowers are large and of exquisite shape with semi-flaring falls. Standards large and round, inarching of deep bronzy-violet. Falls of massive substance, rich velvety crimson-purple with a bright gold beard lighting the whole flower. Average blooms measure 5½ to 6 in. across. Growth very vigorous with tall, strong evenly spaced stems. August delivery. Each . . . . . \$15.00

**MIDGARD** (H. Sass. 1926) S. and F. yellow shaded pink. The pink and yellow blend together and produce a bloom of indescribable beauty. Very large bloom of fine shape and lasting substance. This is perhaps the finest iris yet produced by Mr. Sass. 36 in. Each . . . . . \$4.00

- 88-87 MAJESTIC** (Bliss 1923) S. pale bluish-mauve, shaded light bronze at base. F. flaring, purple, edged blue-violet, reticulated at base; yellow beard. Vigorous and free flowering. Enormous flowers of finest form. 42 in. Each . . . . . \$1.00
- 89-88 MME. CECILE BOUSCANT** (Mil. 1923) A. M. Paris Exposition 1925. S. a clear orchid pink; F. petunia-violet, suffused rose; almost a self. Probably the best of the orchid-pinks. 3 ft. A good buy. Each . . . . . \$2.00
- 86-87 MILDRED PRESBY** (Farr 1923) This is the finest of the amoenas, and the best selling iris in my whole list. S. warm ivory white,



flushed pale lavender. F. rich dark velvety pansy-violet, faintly edged lavender. This is considered Farr's masterpiece. 32 inches. Each ..... \$ .50

- 84-83 \*MME. CHERI** (Sturt. 1918) S. vinaceous purple, undertone yellow. F. argeratum violet, washed pink; rich yellow undertone. Deep orange beard. Large flowers of fine shape. 42 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**MICHELINE CHAIRRAIRE** (Denis 1924) Pure white with golden reticulation. Very large, and of wonderful substance, after Mel-choir. Requires good drainage, in a raised bed. Each ..... \$2.00

- 90-87 MOA** (Bliss 1919) S. arching, and very broad; pure violet. F. broad, almost circular. Very smooth deep violet. Enormous flowers on tall well branched stems; very heavy substance. This is one of my favorites. 42 in. Each ..... \$2.50

**MONTAUR** (Hall 1923) S. pinkish cinnamon flushed magenta. F. velvety burnt lake. An exquisite iris in pink and brown. 30 in. Each ..... \$2.00

- 91-91 \*MORNING SPLENDOR** (Shull 1923) Silver Medal, Garden Club of AMERICA 1926. S. petunia-violet. F. rich raisin purple; orange beard. General effect a rich glowing ruby-crimson. 42 in. Each ..... \$ .75

- 86-85 MME. HENRI CAYEUX** (Cay. 1924) S. smoky reddish-violet. F. velvety dark crimson, lighter at edges. A beautiful iris on the lines of Ambassadeur. 40 in. Each .. \$1.00

- 79-79 \*MRS. MARIAN CRAN** (Perry 1923) An unusual shade of brilliant light rose; white and yellow beard. Wonderful form and beauty on tall and well branched stems. Similar in color to Susan Bliss. I have the TRUE stock. 42 in. Each ..... \$1.00

**MRS. VALERIE WEST, 92** (Bliss 1925) The highest development of the Dominion race and one of the very finest of all iris. S. bronze flushed with reddish lavender. F. rich velvety wine purple. 40 in. Each .... \$15.00

**MOUNT ROYAL** (Morgan 1929) Large flower. S. deep bluish violet. F. rich red pansy violet, velvety; very fragrant flower of fine form with broad flaring falls. 40 in. Each ..... \$5.00

**NEBRASKA** (H. Sass 1927) S. apricot yellow, ruffled. F. brilliant yellow striped and clouded brown. 34 in. Each \$2.00. 3 for \$5.00

**79-79 NEPTUNE** (Yeld 1918) Similar to Lord of June but darker and better form. Large flower of fine substance. 42 in. Each . . \$ .50

**NUSKU** (Nes. 1930) Old rose color blended with gold. A tall, well branched, vigorous growing iris. Very large flowers on 3 ft. stem. One of the most outstanding irises in my garden, and admired by all visitors last season. Each . . . . . \$5.00

**NYMPH** (H. P. Sass 1926) An empire yellow intermediate. Very fine color. Each \$2.00

**90-82 ODAROLAC** (Andr. 1924) A beautiful mauve to lobelia-violet self. Very vigorous and free flowering, producing large flowers of good form on tall well branched stems. 45 in. Each . . . . . \$1.00

**OLD GOLD** (H. P. Sass 1929) S. primuline yellow, ruffled. F. old gold overlaid buff, a few stripes on haft, distinct yellow beard tipped brown. Medium large flower on 28 in. branching stem. A real fine yellow plicata. Each . . . . . \$2.00

**76-79 \*OLIVER PERTHUIS** (Mill. 1920) S. lavender-mauve. F. purple-lilac; orange beard. Flowers something like Gaudichau, but lighter color, and blooming later. 40 in. Each . . . . . \$ .40

**82-73 \*OPHIR GOLD** (Andr 1925) A golden yellow self without marks of any kind. Vigorous and free flowering. 32 in. Each \$ .35

**91-89 PEERLESS** (Dykes 1924) S. very erect, long, broad, light reddish-violet. F. long, straight hanging, deep purple-red, with bronze reticulations. Wonderful form, and a most beautiful glowing Mahogany-red effect; roch gold beard. 40 in. Each . . . . . \$10.00

**89-90 \*PIONEER** (Bliss 1924) S. incurved, large, rich red-purple. F. broad and strong, deep glowing red-purple, color solid without veining. A strong, virorous grower, well branched stems, flowering over a long period. 36 in. This is the most popular red-purple iris in my collection. EXTRA. Each . . . . \$1.00

**72-74 PRAIRIE GOLD** (H. Sass 1926) A beautiful golden yellow self. Good size blooms on 34 in. stems. Each . . . . . \$1.00

**88-88 PRIMROSE** (Sturt| 1925) S. amber yellow. F. flaring; brighter barium yellow, center lemon yellow. Very extra. 32 in. Each . . . . . \$2.00

**PLUMED KNIGHT** (Sass 1927) White, finely veined and stippled with pinkish-lilac. Each . . . . . \$1.00

- 77-80 PRINCE CHARMING** (Sturt. 1924) An oval white flower delicately flushed and veined with pink. 36 in. Each ..... **\$1.50**
- 90-90 \*PRINCESS BEATRICE** (Barr 1898) Delicate silky light lavender-blue with flaring falls; wavy edges; white beard, tipped orange. A strong, vigorous grower with wide light green foliage. 42 in. **Extra.** Each \$ **.50**
- 81-80 PRINCESS OSRA** (Bliss 1922) Clear white with fine spots and veinings of purple on the standards and center of falls, also specked with violet on cream ground. 36 in. Each ..... **\$1.00**
- 86-84 \*PROSPER LAUGIER** (Verd. 1914) S. Tan or light orange beard. A favorite with most all visitors at my gardens. Robust grower, and very free flowering. 32 in. Each \$ **.25**
- 81-82 PROSPERO** (Yeld 1920) S. Bright lavender blue. F. well rounded deep red-purple, lighter at margin, brown reticulations, orange beard. Very large flowers of heavy substance and good form; well branched and free flowering. 48 in. Each ..... \$ **.50**
- 80-80 PROTEUS** (Hort. 1924) S. Massive flower incurved, bright silky heliotrope-blue. F. very long, broad, bright purple-blue; yellow beard. Perhaps the largest of all irises. 38 in. Each ..... **\$2.00**
- PURISSIMA** (Mohr-Mitchell 1927) A pure white of great size, fine form, and heavy substance. Each ..... **\$7.50**
- RAMONA** (Mohr 1924) A beautiful blending of petunia-violet flushed cinnamon brown at the haft; orange beard; sweetly scented. Vigorous, free flowering, and of good form and substance. 6 in. Each ..... \$ **.50**
- REALM** (G. P. Baker 1926) 42 in. **LATE.** An intense pure rich blue self with a conspicuous golden yellow beard. Gigantic flowers of fine form and good substance. Each ..... **\$4.00**
- 83-87 RHEINGAUPERLE** (G. & K. 1924) A beautiful soft rose pink flower, quite similar to Wild Rose, but much larger, and a more robust grower. Free flowernig. Do not fail to order this. 32 in. Each ..... **\$1.50**
- 81 82 RIALGAR** (Sturt. 1924) A very rich colored variegata. S. Clear buttercup yellow. F. buttercup yellow heavily striped bronze; flaring. 2 ft. Each ..... \$ **.50**
- 83-83 ROBERT W. WALLACE** (Perry 1923) S. rich violet. F. very rich deep, almost black-

purple. This is one of the finest irises in cultivation, and is always in great demand. 42 in. Each ..... \$1.50

**80-84 \*ROSALBA** (Bliss 1919) A deep rose, darker and taller than Seminole. A very fine color, well branched and quite free flowering. Almost the same red effect as Evadne. 36 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**75-83 \*ROTA** (G. & K. 1924) S. bright silky-carmine. F. darker, with veinings. A brilliant flower, and most attractive. 28 in. Each \$ .75

**SAN FRANCISCO, 90** (Mohr-Mitchell 1927) Large white flowers of which both standards and falls are distinctly edged lavender. Each ..... \$7.50

**90-88 \*SAN GRBRIEL** (Dean 1921) Lustrous lavender flushed rosy-mauve, almost a self; white beard. Very tall, on well branched stems. An iris of excellent form. 40 in. Each ..... \$ .50

**91-89 SANTA BARBARA** (Mohr 1925) A very light lavender-blue; almost a self, with horizontal falls. Very large flower of wonderful form, color and substance. Free. 42 in. Each ..... \$1.00

**81-85 \*SAPPHID** (Dykes 1922) Very bright blue with a slight purple tone; almost a self. The flower is very large, resembling Gold Crest, but earlier. Very desirable. 30 in. Each \$ .50

**83-83 \*SEMINOLE** (Farr 1920) S. dark violet-rose. F. rich velvety crimson; prominent orange beard. The effect is a brilliant velvety reddish-crimson. 32 in. Each ..... \$ .35

**SENSATION** (Cay. 1925) A beautiful clear blue self; fine horizontal falls. A tall well branched variety of exceptional beauty. Very Extra. 32 in. Each ..... \$10.00

**SERENADE** (Hall 1926) A real pink, crisp intone, with good substance, and large blooms. 36 in. Each ..... \$3.00

**SIR MICHAEL** (Yeld 1925) The most outstanding iris in my garden last year. This is probably the best iris that Mr. Yeld even introduced. A most striking plant; a magnificent grower, with exceedingly strong stems 4 ft. tall, which are widely branched. The flowers which are very large and massive are remarkable for the exceedingly fine and pure coloring of the falls—a rich deep purple, strongly suffused red-brown which becomes deeper and more striking at the haft. The standards are clear lavender blue, and the beard brilliant red-gold. A great iris. August 25th. Each ..... \$15.00

**SNOWCAPT** (Bales 1927) The standards are pure white and held stiffly erect. The falls are richest purple and are held horizontally. The strikingly colored flowers are of good size, have excellent substance and texture and are well placed on the best of stems. Surely a beautiful iris. Each ..... **\$1.00**

**SOPHIE** (Lapham 1929) Manganese-violet, slightly suffused with bronze. The flower is beautifully shaped and splendid substance. It has good height and size of bloom. Its second year from seed it gave two bloom stalks, and the third year **EIGHT**. Rampant as to growth, and freest blooming iris I have ever encountered. A self Each ..... **\$1.00**

**86-85 SOLFERINO** (Cay 1925) A magnificent pallida of beautiful red-lilac color. A seedling of Aphrodite which it surpasses, but grows ten inches taller. 48 in. Each ..... **\$3.00**

**92-90 SOUV. De LOETITIA MICHAUD** (Mil. 1923) The strong stems grow about four feet tall, bearing enormous flowers of a fine texture. Sky-blue, a little paler towards the edges. F. the same color beautifully veined yellow on the white ground of the haft. This is one of the most beautiful irises in the world. A large stock of it enables me to make the price very low. Each **\$2.00**. 3 for **\$5.00**

**91-88 SOUV. DE MME. GAUDICHAU** (Mil. 1924) S. very deep rich blue-purple. F. deeper shade beard blue tipped yellow. 42 in. Each **\$ .50**

**SURPRISE** (Cooley 1928) A seedling of Madame Gaudichau and is identical in shape and size, but altogether different in color, being a soft tone of heliotrope, standards slightly lighter than the falls. Practically evergreen foliage, broad and clean. 8 to 11 blooms well spaced on three branches. 42 in. Each ..... **\$10.00**

**SWAZI, 89** (Bliss 1922) One of the finest of the Dominion seedlings. Magnificent flowers of the finest shape and size. S. bluish violet; F. velvety blackish violet. The growth is vigorous and the coloring is among the darkest and richest of the race. 40 in. Each **\$5.00**

**85-87 SWEET LAVENDER** (Bliss 1919) S. pale lavender-blue. F. broad widely flaring, deeper rose-lavender, shading darker at center. Very sweetly scented. 40 in. Each **\$ .50**

**85-86 \*SUSAN BLISS** (Bliss 1922) A rich rose-pink self with a delicate purplish sheen. Similar to Dream. Free flowering, vigorous and a rapid increaser. Rhizomes always small. The best of the so called pinks, but not a real pink effect. In great demand. 38 in. Each ..... **\$ .35**

**83-82 \*SUNSET** (Ochracea) (Den. 1919) S. real old gold faintly bordered yellow. F. flaring coppery-yellow, heavily suffused with blue-violet in the center, and beautifully dotted brown at the haft. EXTRA. 36 in. Each \$ .35

**84-82 TITAN** (Bliss 1919) S. arching, light violet-blue. F. horizontal, broad, violet-purple, darker in center, conspicuous reticulations at haft. Enormous flowers, and very free flowering. The largest flowers of all the Dominion race. VERY EXTRA. 38 in. Each ... \$1.00

\***TROSTRINGER** (H. Sass 1926) A cross between C. E. Stringer and Trojana, but has taller stems and the flowers are better placed than in C. E. Stringer. Color is the same. Each ..... \$1.50

**88-84 \*TRUE CHARM** (Sturt. 1920) A lovely plicata, white with the margins delicately etched with blue lavender. I sell more of this variety than all other plicatas. No one should be without this beautiful iris. 38 in. Each ..... \$ .75

**TUSCANY GOLD** (Will. 1929) Standards sulphine yellow, clearer and deeper yellow at the claw, with restricted reticulation of maroon. Falls drooping; broadly wedge shape; colored like the standards with more purple. General effect reddish-gold. Beard cadmium yellow. Each ..... \$10.00

**86-81 VALKYRIE** (Sturt. 1919) 33 in. A fine large flower on tall, stout branching stem. Standards shaded olive lake; falls dark maroon purple, almost black; velvety texture. Each ..... \$1.00

**VAN CLEVE** (Van Name 1926) Standards violet-purple. Falls flaring, rich velvety purple, almost a self. A large and richly colored flower of good substance on well-branched stems. Very fine in every way. August delivery. Each ..... \$3.50

**79-81 VELOUTE** (Vilm. 1924) A dark blue bicolor with rich velvety falls. One of the richest colored irises in my garden. Scarce. 30 in. Each ..... \$ .75

**89-89 VESPER GOLD** (Will. 1927) This is one of the finest irises of Mr. Williamson's recent introductions, a most distinct color, and a very rapid increaser. S. Baryta yellow, shading to Empire at the margins. F. flaring. Same color as standards, darker at the haft, with golden and maroon veinnigs. 40 in. Each ..... \$1.00

**WEDGEWOOD, 87** (Dykes 1923) The richest "Wedgewood China" blue of uniform color throughout. 42 in. Each ..... \$1.00

**WHITE AND GOLD** (Nicholls 1928) A very fitting name for a very fine iris. A large pure glistening satiny white, without markings of any kind; bright golden beard. Blooms freely and increases rapidly. 37 in. Each ..... **\$5.00**

**WILLIAM MOHR** (Mohr 1925) Ground color pale lilac, flower beautifully and heavily veined manganese-violet. A massive flower. Stems strong and rigid. Should be planted in a raised bed with perfect drainage. 22 in. Each ..... **\$5.00**

**WILLIAM R. DYKES** (Dykes 1926) This is the largest yellow iris we know of. The falls are slightly flecked violet. The pollen is excessively fertile, and every flower will produce well filled seed pods when crossed with other fertile varieties. Each ~~4.00~~ **\$1.00**

**87-82 YOLANDE** (Mil. 1923) S. dark blue with bright sheen at base. F. rich deep velvety blue-violet, light brown reticulations at haft. A very large, vigorous free flowering variety. 38 in. Each ..... **\$1.75**

**\*ZADA** (Emigholz 1926) Absolutely pure white, shaped like White Knight, one of its parents, but taller and has branching stems. Very hardy and free blooming and increases more rapidly than any iris I grew. This is a good buy. 36 in. Each ..... **\$ .75**

**75-76 \*ZOUAVE** (Vilm. 1922) S. soft lilac. F. broad, flaring, white, heavily spotted and reticulated with violet. Beard pale yellow. 2 ft. Each ..... **\$ .50**

**85-85 ZULU** (Bliss 1925) S. clear, rich steely analine-blue. F. fine dark rich velvety blue. This is one of the richest of the Dominion family. Don't miss this one. 36 in. Each **\$2.00**

IRIS SIBIRICA

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Do not plant Siberian irises in dry or sloping ground. They like moist but not wet soil, and should be planted a little deeper than the tall bearded irises; the crowns  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches below the surface, and should be watered occasionally during a dry spell.

**\*DRAGONFLY** (Dykes) Pale blue standards flushed violet, and rich sky-blue falls. Large flowers and free flowering. Nearly 4 feet. Each ..... **\$1.00**

**EMPEROR** Very large flowers of fine form and large circular falls. Deep rich violet-blue. 4 ft. Each ..... **\$ .35**

**KINGFISHER BLUE** A grand new introduction with large dark-blue flowers on stems over 4 feet. Each ..... **\$1.50**

**\*PAPILLON** A beautiful light blue of uniform color throughout. Very large flower, not quite as tall as Kingfisher Blue, but a splendid grower and free flowering. Each **\$ .75**

**TRUE BLUE** Some consider this a better color than Perry's Blue. The standards are a shade darker. 24 inches. Each .. **\$ .35**

**\*PERRY'S BLUE** A tall and particularly beautiful variety. A wonderful clear shade of China Blue. Always in great demand. 48 inches. Each ..... **\$ .35**

**\*SNOW QUEEN** Very large snow white flowers with a rich golden yellow blotch in the throat; vigorous and free flowering, over 30 inches. Each ..... **\$ .25**

Full cultural directions for all kinds of irises sent with every order.

Varieties marked with an asterisk (\*), three will be sold for the price of two.



**SELECTED LIST OF SOME OF  
FINER OLD VARIETIES  
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25c each 3 for 50c (of one variety)

- AFTERGLOW**—lavender gray to buff  
**ALCAZAR**—blue-purple bicolor  
**ANNA FARR**—white, margined pale blue  
**BLUE JAY**—bright blue, darker falls  
**CECILE MINTURIN**—soft cattleya rose  
**CLEMENT DESMORES**—bright reddish pink  
**CORRIDA**—clear, light blue  
**DELICATISSIMA**—Lobelia blue  
**DORINE**—white edged lavender  
**DREAM**—rose pink  
**EDOUARD MICHEL**—deep petunia violet  
**FAIRY**—standards and falls splashed with  
pale blue  
**FIRMAMENT**—very early, two tones of blue  
**GEORGIA**—a little darker than Cecile Minturn  
**GERMANICA**—deep purple, very early  
**JUNONIA**—soft blue and violet-purple  
**KOCHI**—deep blackish purple.  
**L. A. WILLIAMSON**—a purple bicolor, very large  
**MME. CHOBAUT**—blend of wine, red and yellow  
**PARISIANA**—white dotted and streaks ampara-  
purple  
**QUAKER LADY**—smoky lavender shaded yellow  
**QUEEN CATARINA**—pale lavender violet self  
**WHITE QUEEN**—pure white  
**ZUA**—white tinted lavender, ruffled  
**ZWANENBURG**—amber, washed olive green and  
lavender, early

The following 35c each 3 for 75c  
(of one variety)

- ARLINGTON**—a fine red-purple  
**ARGYNNIS**—S. strontian yellow, F. carmine. Tall.  
**CRIMSON GLOW**—large crimson-rose  
**CRUSADER**—large blue-violet self  
**DAMOSSEL**—Ruffled white, bordered delicate  
mauve  
**E. H. JENKINS**—a very fine pale blue  
**HYDROMEL**—S. yellow ochre; F. victoria lake

**MARY ORTH**—two tones of blue-violet  
**PHYLLIS BLISS**—pale rose-lavender self  
**WILD ROSE**—soft rose-pink

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Visitors are welcome to my gardens at all times, especially during the blooming time thru the whole month of June. Selections from the blooming plants are always more satisfactory.

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